

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

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Claim 1 (currently amended) A restraint device for aiding a personal flotation device's ability to roll wearer from an airway submerged position to an airway protected position, said device comprising:

B4 a restraint adjustable in neck opening size to snugly engage a wide range of different wearer neck sizes, said restraint substantially filling the area beneath the chin of the different neck size wearers for maintaining the head of the different neck size users in a desired position once the restraint has been properly sized and positioned to a wearer's neck size, said restraint collar adapted for secured positioning within or adjacent to a neck opening of a personal flotation device.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein said restraint collar includes a cephalo-mandibular splint.

Claim 4 (original) The restraint device of claim 3 wherein said splint is disposed within a cover.

Claim 5 (original) The restraint device of claim 3 wherein said splint is constructed from a reasonably stiff yet flexible closed cell foam.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein said restraint collar is ~~adapted for attachment~~ releasably attached to the a personal flotation device.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 4 wherein said cover is ~~adapted for attachment~~ releasably attached to the personal flotation device.

Claim 8 (original) The restraint device of claim 4 wherein said cover is a loose fabric member adapted for attachment to a neck area of said personal flotation device by stitching.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein said restraint collar comprises:

a first flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device, said first flap member including a first stiff member disposed within;

a second flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device, said second flap member including a second stiff member disposed within, said second flap member adjustably secured to said first flap member based on the neck size of the wearer.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 9 wherein said first flap member is adapted for removable attachment to the personal flotation device at or adjacent to the neck opening of the personal flotation device and said second member adapted for removable attachment to the personal flotation device at or adjacent to the neck opening of the personal flotation device.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim of claim 3 further including a first flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device and a second flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device, said second flap member adjustably secured to said first flap member based on the neck size of the wearer for proper positioning of said splint.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 3 wherein said splint having a positioning notch for receiving and supporting at least a portion of the wearer's chin when said restraint is in use.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 9 wherein said first flap member is adjustably secured to said second flap member in an overlapping relationship through a first

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hook and loop fastening member disposed on said first flap member and a complementary second hook and loop fastening member disposed on said second flap member.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 11 wherein said first flap member is adjustably secured to said second flap member in an overlapping relationship through a first hook and loop fastening member disposed on said first flap member and a complementary second hook and loop fastening member disposed on said second flap member.

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Claim 15 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein said ~~collar~~ restraint includes ~~an~~ a horizontally mounted elongated relatively stiff member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device at a first location and adapted for ~~movable~~ vertical and horizontal adjustable securement to the personal flotation device at a second location.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The restraint device of claim 15 wherein said stiff member ~~including~~ includes a chin positioning notch for receiving and supporting at least a portion of the wearer's chin when said restraint is in use.

Claim 17-21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (new) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein said restraint sculpted to define a space to permit unobstructed breathing and swallowing by the wearer when said restraint is in use.

Claim 23 (new) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein said desired position is substantially at an axis of rotation for the wearer.

Claim 24 (new) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein said restraint supports the wearer's jaw and prevents the jaw from falling forward when in use.

Claim 25 (new) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein one properly sized and positioned to the wearer's neck size the restraint in use remains in a fixed position with respect to the wearer's neck.

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Claim 26 (new) The restraint device of claim 1 wherein a cervical posterior portion of the personal flotation device is sculpted and angled to receive and complement the back of the wearer's neck substantially along an axis of rotation for the wearer.

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